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A REPORTER'S WORK.
Which Shows That His Life is Not an Idle One.
It is generally supposed by the world at large, says a sympathetic contemporary, that the lot of a reporter is a happy one. He is envied by the rich and the poor, and especially by the boys during circus time, as he is supposed to "git in fur nuthin'," which is a big thing in the eye of the gamins. There are those besides the gamins who think he wears the magic slipper that carries him safely past all doorkeepers and ticket sellers; that he sports a charm about his throat that wards off both fever and bug bite; that he has brass-plated cheeks which are passports even into the skeleton closet of the household and that his conscience is as pliable and his disposition so mercenary that it is but necessary to cross his palm with a few paltry shekels to turn his gallantry into praise and his facts into fables.

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The Language of Sweet Sixteen.
"A word fitly spoken," says the proverb, "is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." This is a euphony of language that is the rhythm of speech, and it transforms ordinary words into flashing gems of thought. At present the happy medium of expression is lost sight of in two extremes which mark the age. One is known as the Higher Cult. Its votaries carry lotus lilies in their pale thin hands, have a sad far-away look in their hollow eyes and are intense. What is that? We do not know, neither do they, unless it is to have a craze about spelling all words beginning with C with a capital K, learning the delirium of old Cains, and analyzing Torian days. They articulate, respond and affirm, but never talk. The commonest thing any member of that aesthetic band ever says is, when posed before some graven image set up on a black velvet background, the worshiper of Japan tea-pots murmurs, "This is too utterly lovely!"

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The Ram at Church.
Emma had a little ram—fleece black as rubber shoe—and every-where that Emma went, it emigrated, too.
He went with her to church one day—the old folks hila-rious grow to see him walk de-murely into Deacon Allen's pew.
The worthy deacon let his angry passions rise, and gave it an unchristian kick between the sad brown eyes.
This landed rammy in the aisle; the deacon followed fast and raised his foot again, but ah! his first kick was his last.
For Mr. Sheep walked slowly back about a rod, 'tis said, and ere the deacon could retreat it stood him in his head.
The congregation then arose and went for that 'ere sheep, but several well-directed butts just piled them in a heap.
Then rushed they straightway for the door, with curses long and loud, while rammy struck the hindmost man and shot him thro' the crowd.
The minister had often heard that kindness would subdue the fiercest beast. So "Ah!" he says, "I'll try that game on you."
And so he kindly, gently called: "Come rammy, rammy, ram; to see the folks abuse you I grieved and sorry am."
With kind and gentle words he came from that tall pulpit down, saying: "Rammy, rammy, ram, rammy, rammy, rammy, ram—best sheep in the town."
The ram looked meek, and on he came with "Rammy, rammy, ram, rammy, rammy, ram, ram—the nice pretty ram!"
The ram quickly dropped his humble air, and rose from off his feet; and when the parson lit he lay beneath the hoofs of the crowd.
As he shot out the open door and closed it with a slam, he named a California town—I think 'twas "Yubadum."

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A Comical Story of a Mormon Wife.
There is a comical as well as a pathetic side to Mormon polygamy. Among the Mormon women at Utah was one who accepted in full faith the polygamous revelation. She had chosen in polygamy an ample compensation in the supposed right of the first wife to choose her husband's succeeding wives. This was her argument:
"If the first wife selects the other wives, it has the effect of showing them that the husband thinks much of her judgment, and is willing to abide by it, and that they will have to do the same. This is, of course, as it should be. But the first wife almost certain to take a fancy to some one whom the first wife does not like at all, and, consequently, her authority is undermined. The first wife ought to keep all the power in her own hands."
The secret of this lady's story is extremely ludicrous. After she had chosen in polygamy an ample compensation in the supposed right of the first wife to choose her husband's succeeding wives. This was her argument:
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